

## Message Text

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ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 PM-04 COME-00 EB-07 DODE-00  
NSF-01 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /034 W  
-----272117Z 073958 /73  
R 270542Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 525

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EA/ANP FOR SQUIRE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TGEN, AS  
SUBJ: R/V VEMA RESEARCH

REF: (A) STATE 120533 (B) CANBERRA 3567 (C) CANBERRA 3480  
(D) STATE 101322 (E) CANBERRA 3048 (F) CANBERRA A-50

1. EMBASSY PASSED CONTENTS PARA 2 REF (A) TO SIMON,  
DIRECTOR, DEFENCE PROJECTS SECTION, DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS (DFA).

2. SIMON TOLD EMBASSY THAT PRIMARY INTENTION BEHIND DFA'S  
NOTE OF APRIL 1 (SENT TO DEPARTMENT UNDER COVER REF F AND  
SUMMARIZED IN REF B) WAS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON VESSEL  
ITSELF, THE PURPOSE OF VISIT AND TYPE OF RESEARCH, IF ANY,  
OF MAJOR BUT SECONDARY IMPORTANCE. HE SAID IT WAS DIRECTED  
PARTICULARLY AT VESSELS FROM "CERTAIN COUNTRIES."  
HE REITERATED, HOWEVER (SEE PARA 3, REF B) THAT DFA IS  
INSISTING ON THIS INFORMATION FROM ALL COUNTRIES AND CAN NOT  
APPEAR TO BE FAVORING ANY ONE PARTICULAR NATION.

3. SIMON SAID HE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY "CONFLICT"  
THAT MIGHT ARISE OVER R/V VEMA. RESPECTING THIS, EMBASSY  
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IS HOPING DEPARTMENT CAN OBTAIN THE REQUESTED  
INFORMATION FROM LAMONT DOHERTY.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW REASONING BEHIND GOA INSISTENCE  
ON OBTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON CERTAIN RESEARCH  
VESSELS AND ITS UNDERSTANDABLE NEED NOT TO MAKE  
EXCEPTIONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE

FOR U.S. NOT TO PRESS FOR SUCH EXCEPTIONS UNDER  
PRESENT CONDITIONS.

5. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY,  
EMBASSY WILL REFRAIN FROM FURTHER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN  
EXEMPTION FOR R/V VEMA.  
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## Message Attributes

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